

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

November 16, 2015

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Committee members present were Oralia Banuelos, Mario Cantu, Carolyn Case, Gustavo Montoya, Joe Morrison, Karen Rutherford, Mark Urdahl, and Rufus Woods. City staff present were Executive Services Director Allison Williams, Community & Economic Development Director Steve King, and City Clerk Tammy Stanger.

II. FORENSIC DATA ANALYSIS EXPERT BILL COOPER (via speakerphone)

Expert Bill Cooper presented the information he had compiled and showed two maps with options for seven districts, and the population summary reports for each. The committee asked questions and suggested looking at other ways to district (i.e. five districts, two at large).

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2015, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes by Joe Morrison. Motion seconded by Carolyn Case. Motion carried (8-0).

V. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Report on November 6 public meeting at Senior Center

Joe Morrison reported that the public meeting held at the Senior Center on November 6 was successful. It was well attended and excellent questions were asked. Staff will provide the committee with a list of the questions asked and comments made.

- Report on November 10 meeting with Wenatchee Valley College student council

Gustavo Montoya reported that he and Susan Albert met with the Wenatchee Valley College student council last week and showed the PowerPoint presentation to the group. It was an exciting meeting and a very engaged group. The student council offered to discuss the information with the Political Science

faculty with the idea of hosting a public meeting in January. Gustavo is waiting to hear back. He will follow up.

Mario Cantu suggested coordinating with the local “Engage Now” effort.

- Status of additional public meetings proposed: Latino focus

Oralia Banuelos stated that she and Alma Chacon will explore a public meeting at the CAFÉ meeting on Wednesday, November 18, and will report further at our next meeting.

- Status of additional public meetings proposed: Museum

The committee would like to move forward with scheduling another public meeting at the Museum in January. The idea of coordinating with the Multicultural Festival was mentioned. City staff will follow up with the Museum.

- Review list of local leaders and organizations to invite to public meetings

Chair Jean Speidel shared a spreadsheet of names provided thus far to invite to public meetings. The committee discussed additional invitees.

- Review proposed additional slides re: Women’s Voting Rights (19th Amendment to the US Constitution), Seattle change to district/at large combo

The committee discussed updating the slides to include Women’s Voting Rights and Seattle districting information. Joe will provide information for Women’s Voting Rights and Jean will provide information for Seattle.

- Discuss alternative locations for committee meetings

The committee discussed alternative locations for meetings. At this time meetings will continue at City Hall, but members will be alert for other locations to hold meetings. Gustavo Montoya would like committee members to make an extra effort to invite people to attend the meetings.

The committee also suggested providing the presentation to the Diversity Advisory Committee at their next meeting in December.

The committee discussed the need for translation, and noted that translation services will be arranged if it is known prior to the meeting that they are needed.

VI. ASSESSMENT OF STATUS (info needed, pros, cons)

Chair Jean Speidel will start lists of pros, cons and additional information needed circulating among Committee members for all to add their ideas. The primary agenda item for the November 30 meeting will be to discuss the pros, cons and additional information needed.

VII. NEXT STEPS

- Assignments – Mark and Gustavo will prepare a list of guiding principles for drawing district lines.
 - Rufus and Allison will set up a meeting with the Diversity Council
 - Steve will overlay school district boundaries on the sample district map
 - Joe will provide a slide on Women's Voting Rights
 - Jean will provide a slide on Seattle districting
 - Jean will start circulating the list of pros, cons, and additional information needed
- Next meetings – Committee: November 30, December 14

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jean Speidel adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF WENATCHEE
Tammy Stanger, City Clerk